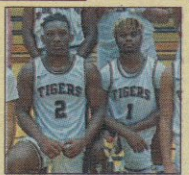


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Elba Tigers earn runner-up trophy in basketball tourney



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Zion Chapel's Padgett and Young fish in tournament



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Elba Parks and Rec offices move to temporary location

Due to ongoing renovations of the Elba Recreation building, which is located on Claxton Avenue, the Elba Parks and Recreation offices have temporarily moved.

The temporary offices are located at 128 Court Street in downtown Elba. This building formerly housed the Elba Adult Daycare facilities, but the building is now owned by the City of Elba. Ownership of the

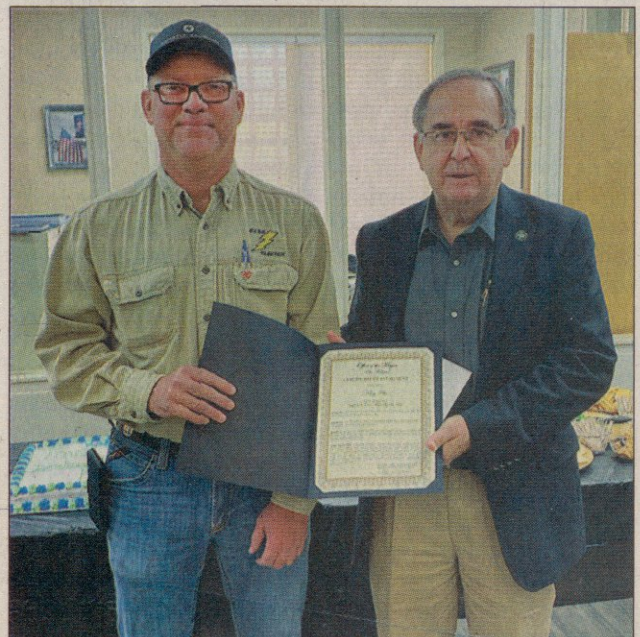
property was transferred from the county to the city last year.

It is currently unknown how long the renovations of the Claxton Avenue building for the Elba Parks and Recreation will take to complete, but the offices are up and running at the temporary location until the renovations are completed.

For more information on the Elba Parks and Rec, call (334) 897-6833.



ELBA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS EXTINGUISH MULTIPLE GRASS FIRES ALONG HWY. 203 IN ELBA...It was a busy late afternoon early evening for emergency responders in Elba on Monday, Jan. 2, as grass fires and multiple traffic accidents were reported. At 4:18 p.m. Monday afternoon, Elba dispatch received a report of multiple grass fires along the side of the road on Hwy. 203 in Elba near the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing. This photo (made by a local business owner) shows Elba firefighters working to extinguish one of those grass fires just west of the Shoppes at Taylor Crossing. Witnesses in the area reported there were at least four different grass fires burning at the same time in this general area along Hwy. 203 when firefighters arrived on scene. A short time later, at 5:41 p.m., a traffic accident was reported near 1351 E Davis Street in Elba, and only 30 minutes later another traffic accident was reported at 1335 E Davis Street in Elba. Then, at 10:21 p.m. last night, another traffic accident was reported at 15299 Hwy 87, Elba. No further details from these incidents was available as of press time this week.



LONGTIME ELBA ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE RETIRES...A retirement celebration was held Thursday, Dec. 29, at Elba City Hall for Terry Pike (left). He became an employee of the Elba Water and Electric Board working in the Electric Department on Aug. 18, 1993 and entered retirement Dec. 31, 2022. Mayor Tom Maddox (right) presented Pike with a Certificate of Retirement commending him on 29 years of loyal and dedicated service to the City of Elba and its residents. Maddox further wished Pike well and continued success with his future endeavors.



ELBA FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR...During the Elba Volunteer Fire Department's annual Christmas gathering, Dennis Manning (left), Captain, was awarded the department's distinguished "Firefighter of the Year" award. Also, Manning was presented a 35 Year Service Award by Elba Fire Chief Drew Parker (right) for his many years of dedicated service to the Elba Fire Department and citizens of Elba.

Upcoming events announced by Ma-Chis Lower Creek Indian Tribe of AL

Saturday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m.:

Distribution of Scholarship Applications - Applicants should bring transcript from current high school, college, or university, and letter of acceptance or attendance. Must reside in Alabama and attending a college or university in Alabama. This is the only day applications will be distributed.

Energy and Water Assistance Applications - will be taken. Provide original light bills, original water bills, and proof of income for all household members.

ENI Youth committee will meet - Grades 9-12 will meet at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.:

UAB Mobile hospital unit will be here seeing anyone that needs to be seen regardless of ability to pay. The unit also will bring a mobile pharmacy and fill prescriptions written by UAB. This is open to the public.

Friday, Jan. 20, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.:

Mobile Eye Clinic Unit will be here seeing anyone that needs to be seen. Glasses average \$20. This is open to the public.

Note: All meetings/events will be at 2950 County Road 377, Elba. All are open to the public. For additional information, call (334) 897-3207.

The Elba Clipper reflects on some top headlines from 2022

JANUARY 2022 -

Albert Green of Elba was arrested in Covington County after being found to be in possession of large amounts of methamphetamine, and Elba Police later secured a search warrant for his residence in Elba on Reese Avenue where they found more drugs (ecstasy, cocaine, methamphetamine (ice), marijuana and THC oil; Elba City Council votes to renovate a portion of the building located at 345 W Davis Street to house the Elba Chamber of Commerce; Elba Parks and Recreation employees replace dugouts at Elba's Legion Field in preparations for youth baseball/softball seasons; Coffee County Commission votes to transfer ownership of former adult daycare building/property to City of Elba.

FEBRUARY 2022 -

VR Insurance Holdings Inc. of San Francisco, California announces acquisition of the National Security Group Inc - subject to regulatory and shareholder approval; Elba High School's Callie Pope named Bryant-Jordan Foundation Achievement Award winner for Class 2A, Region

2; Darin Starr, second suspect in 2017 murder of Sara Starr in Coffee County, Ala., turns himself in to authorities in Hondo, Texas on federal charge of use of interstate commerce facilities in the commission of a murder-for-hire; Coffee County Board of Education recognizes Kinston second grade teacher Chasity Littleton and Kinston High School math teacher Kelly Flowers as "Teacher of the Year" winners for the school system; Claude, the camel, owned by Carrie and Jamie Whitworth, catches lots of attention Feb 9th when he visits the downtown square in Elba for training with horse and exotic animal trainer Terri Lindley of Oklahoma; Following report of Elba mayor's proposal to council members to look at changing three streets around the downtown square to 'one-way' traffic, a poll taken by The Elba Clipper reveals that majority of respondents were against said proposal.

MARCH 2022 -

Elba mayor and council agree to not make changes to flow of traffic around downtown square by keeping streets as two-way traffic streets; Newly crowned Miss Elba queens attend Elba City Council meeting; Bradley Bowers employed as first principal for newly formed New Brockton Middle School; Elba High School Choral Department announces plans to bring Disney's Lion King Jr® to stage; Elba High School FCCLA sends four students to state competition - all win gold to advance to nationals in California; Former Elba Tiger Alex Wright donates math books to Elba Elementary School; TNA-affiliated pro wrestling event held at Elba High School gymnasium as fundraiser; Coffee County traffic stop leads to arrest of four suspects found in possession of drugs/gun - suspects were believed to have been traveling to Panama City Beach, Fla. at time of arrest in Coffee County; During March 28th Elba City Council meeting, Wiregrass Economic Development director Jesse Quillen says he sees 'opportunity' in Elba.

APRIL 2022 -

New Brockton Town Council votes to donate \$3,000 to Coffee County School System with hopes the monies will be applied to the New Brockton High School band uniform fundraising efforts; Grandsons of Senator Jimmy Holley - Dylan and Cooper Holley - serve as pages for the senator during the Alabama Legislative Session; Elba City Council members declare emergency project for compromised culvert on Putnam Street; Elba Chamber of Commerce holds membership banquet 'under the lights' of the downtown square; Coffee County Commission votes to approve lease agreement with State of Alabama for SBI office to be constructed in Enterprise; Pump failure leaves some 30 Elba homes and Elba City Schools without water while others experience low water pressure - Elba Water and Electric Board holds emergency meeting to approve resolution to fix the problem; Elba native Jeffrey W. Jurasek promoted to Major General with the Army; Elba Chamber of Commerce hosts Don't Drop It on Elba clean up day.

MAY 2022 -

Elba's Alex Wright drafted in 2022 NFL Draft to play football with the Cleveland Browns; Sunset Boulevard residents Shirley Reeves and Jerome Blackmon share decorative displays atop a grassy hill between their home and the Sunset Blvd/U.S. Hwy 84 intersection in Elba; Elba High School's golf team wins second straight AHSAA Class 1A/2A boys state championship in golf; Ben E. Keith Foods Southeast holds grand opening celebration for its new distribution center in Coffee County, Ala.; Elba Nursing Home residents enjoy fishing trip at Coffee County Lake as part of Nursing Home Week activities; Elba City Council votes to pursue opportunity for Elba to be chosen as site for new crisis diversion center for South Central Alabama Mental Health; Officials announce that partnership between Coffee County and Schneider Electric leads to \$1 million in energy savings milestone.

JUNE 2022 -

Jared Robinson employed as new principal for Zion Chapel School; Elba's chamber director, Sandy Williams, receives Alabama Accredited Chamber Executive Distinction Award from the Chamber of Commerce Association of Alabama; Already facing a culvert erosion issue on Putnam Street that closed a portion of the road a few months prior, Elba City Council members hear from concerned Woodland Drive residents regarding an erosion issue at a drainage pipe on that road too - council votes to bid the two projects together for repairs to be made; Elba Volunteer Fire Department accepts grant check from Firehouse Subs used to purchase extrication equipment; Elba Parks and Recreation set to host Dixie Youth Baseball Division II district tournaments for 10U Boys and 12U Boys; Elba's Joseph Cline participates in Special Olympics USA Games in Orlando, Fla.; New Brockton Mayor presents 'key to the city' to community volunteer Barbara Herron; Senator Jimmy W.

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Professional wrestling legend "Action" Mike Jackson, donning the Elba Tigers football jersey, was among the wrestlers in Elba on Friday night, March 18, for an event at Elba High School. The 72-year-old Jackson was a huge fan favorite, and he received lots of cheers in defeating Johnny Blade in their title match (captured above).

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"The Constitution is the guide which I will never abandon." - President George Washington

We recently saw a picture of a cute, smiling little girl, born the same year we were born, but her life was cut short in one of the notorious Nazi concentration camps. The records show she and her mother were herded into the gas chamber at the Polish concentration camp, Auschwitz, and that ended her short life on earth at about three or four years of age. We have not been to Auschwitz, but did visit Dachau (in southern Germany, near Munich) back in the mid-fifties. It is funny how the human brain works. Walking through the Dachau facility years after the war, we were convinced that the smell of burning flesh was still there. Recently we read that people visiting these sites even today often have the same experience. Many of these former Nazi concentration camps, including both Auschwitz and Dachau, have been preserved as memorials to the thousands of Jews and other "undesirables" imprisoned and/or killed while imprisoned in them. At the time we were at Dachau, this preservation work had not started, or was just beginning. We salute the people who have spent countless hours researching the history of the camps and establishing the authentic memorials. If motivated to go for a visit, be prepared for graphic reminders of the horrors – beginning at the front gates and prominent throughout the camp(s). It could be photos, mounds of shoes, clothing, suitcases, artificial legs, a pile of human hair shaved from their heads, etc., taken from those unfortunates placed in the camps.

We survived the holiday season and apparently it is all positive because we had slight reservations about coming back to work! That is unusual for us, as family members are convinced that the funeral directors will be the only ones who can get us out of the office with any confidence we will not slip back in when they turn their back. Our late wife Heddy often said it simply any time retirement was mentioned, "The funeral home folks will take you out of here feet first." Our typical reaction was, "that will be OK. We will have died happy." Maybe in a few weeks we will shake, reconcile our brain, or forget the benefits of the days off during the holidays.

Human body composting after death. Several states have made this legal and were recently joined by state of New York. It is promoted as being good for the environment, reducing the carbon impute into the air and an 'ideal' fertilizer for the forest and crops. This is the first we have known anything about this, (as one news article described it) "treating the body of our deceased as just another piece of garbage"). The only company in America engaged in this 'composting' of bodies at this time charges about the same as a low-cost traditional funeral, so it is not a real economic incentive. It is understandable and accepted that the deceased will not suffer additionally from whatever method of handling their body is used, but this is something we will have to ponder for a while - a long while - before embracing it.

Be safe, wear your mask when appropriate, social distance, wash your hands AND get the shot(s) and/or boosters (the newest one)!

The Moore You Know - Editorial Column from Rep. Barry Moore

(Barry Moore represents the 2nd Congressional District in the U.S. House)

Congress ended the year by stuffing the American people's stocking with a huge lump of coal in the form of an almost \$2 trillion omnibus spending bill. It is disappointing so many Senate Republicans voted in favor of this bill and surrendered our leverage to use the power of the purse to fight the Biden administration's radical policies.

This vote would never have been possible if Republicans hadn't earlier allowed Democrats to punt this decision into the lame duck session, after the November elections but before Republicans take over the House. By allowing a lame duck spending bill, Republicans unshackled Democrats from accountability from the voters, and the bill that resulted reflected their most radical impulses. Sadly, cries from those of us who predicted this would happen were ignored by many of our Republican colleagues. The American people deserve better.

We received good news when the Supreme Court temporarily extended the Trump-era Title 42 policy. Title 42 has helped the federal government to turn away 2.5 million additional migrants from entering our country. In recent weeks, even as border crossings continue smashing records, thousands more have massed on the other side or continued marching to our border in anticipation of Title 42 being ended by the Biden administration. Fortunately, the Supreme Court's actions will help law enforce maintain enforcement tools.

Although this is good news, the border crisis will continue until the Biden administration gets serious about taking steps necessary to fix it. The Republican majority in the House must be the tip of the spear in exposing and holding accountable the Biden administration's disastrous border policies.

With my first session in Congress coming to an end, I've reflected on my experiences serving the people of Alabama's Second Congressional District. When I was sworn in, Speaker Pelosi had shut down the Capitol – the People's House – from the public. For months that first year, razor wire kept the public from getting anywhere

near the Capitol complex. With Democrat majorities in the House and the Senate and Joe Biden in the White House, wins were hard to come by. But that didn't deter us from fighting and working hard.

I am proud to have gotten one of my bills for our veterans and their families signed into law, the Colonel John M. McHugh Tuition Fairness for Survivors Act of 2021. My office sent over 31,000 constituent letters, keeping Alabamians aware of my work in Washington. We resolved over 2,200 federal cases for constituents dealing with IRS, VA, and other agencies, returning over \$2 million to constituents. I made a point to hire folks with servants' hearts, and I am humbled by what we've been able to accomplish for the people we serve.

My staff and I are continuing our commitment to serving you as we move into the new Congress. If you need help with federal casework, I hope you will visit one of my offices in Wetumpka, Dothan, Andalusia, Troy, or Washington, call us at 334- 478- 6330, or visit barrymoore.house.gov if we can help you.



Cuzin Lou Lou spent the majority of the New Year's Eve day/night with family, and it was a delightful day of family, fun, football, food, and fireworks.

Everyone seemed to have a great day together with the events kicking off at the Yonder Gang's house for lunch as the Alabama/Kansas State football game was watched. Now, when the extended family gets together for football-watching, things tend to get loud, especially when Alabama is playing. The majority of the Gang's family just happens to be big-time Alabama Crimson Tide fans.

Of course, Sister is the biggest holdout on that as she insists on yelling for those Eagles that fly in and around Auburn. Lou Lou has gotten her to finally step into some neutral territory over the past few years by becoming a Troy Trojan fan as well...so, there is a little hope for Sister when it comes to football.

The Tide scored over 40 points in their New Year's Eve bowl game, which meant there was lots of hooting and hollering going on at the Gang's house. Well...Little Bean was not very excited about that part!

Bean is accustomed to having a relatively quiet house to reign over, and it was anything but that on between 11 a.m. and around 3 p.m. New Year's Eve. Each and every time the yelling began, Bean let the whole crowd know she

was unhappy by barking at them!

On married-into-the-family cousin especially felt the wrath of Little Bean's displeasure. It even reached the point where she would bark at him every time he spoke a word! At one point, Lou Lou had to block Little Bean from the hallway after she attempted to have a 'standoff' with said cousin in-law as he was trying to get to the bathroom.

It was quite comical to Lou Lou because she had never seen Little Bean be so adamant about 'protecting her turf'.

As the family members left later that afternoon to prepare for the group's next gathering for more food and fireworks at another house, Little Bean quickly settled in for a much-needed nap. All the commotion of the afternoon wore the little girl out!

It was probably less than five minutes after everyone left that Little Bean was stretched out on the couch beside Lou Lou and fast asleep! She went from a frantic to calm quicker than a toddler can pull all the toys out of his toolbox! Turns out that while Little Bean loves attention and company, she much prefers it to come quietly, which is almost impossible when it comes to a house full of the Yonder Gangs infokfol!!

Maybe Little Bean will be better prepared next go round.

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Landmark Park in Dothan to host Seed Swap and Garden Expo later this month

On Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Dothan's Landmark Park and the Wiregrass Master Gardener Association will present the annual Seed Swap and Garden Expo at the Stokes Activity Barn at Landmark Park.

Activities will include trading seeds with fellow gardeners, plus information and demonstrations on beekeeping, backyard chickens, getting started with your home gardens, rain barrels, food preservation, composting and more. Bring your seeds to trade if

you would like to participate in the Seed Swap.

This event is free with your paid gate admission (\$5 for adults, \$4 for kids, free for park members and children 2 and under).

Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, Ala., just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com

Leashed pets allowed in dog walk area only.

Park Hours: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m.

Alabama Agricultural Museum: Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Martin Drugstore: Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Digitarium Planetarium: Fridays at 3:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; Sundays at 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.; and Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022, and Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Dec. 27 – Criminal mischief reported at 679 Lee St (11:05 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1232 Ann St (12:35 p.m.); Drug activity reported to Elba Police (1:10 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Lakewood Dr (6:04 p.m.).

Wednesday, Dec. 28 – Structure fire reported at 225 Fox Dr (4:26 a.m.);

Domestic complaint reported at 19734 Hwy 87 (12:01 p.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 816 Putnam St (7:56 p.m.). Nine traffic stops resulted in one assistance rendered, three written warnings, four citations, and one verbal warning.

Thursday, Dec. 29 – Report of shots fired on Reese Ave (12:03 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1525 Jones St (12:23 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 87 – w/ arrest (9:21 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (9:32 p.m.). Fourteen traffic stops resulted in seven verbal warnings, four citations, and three written warnings.

Friday, Dec. 30 – No Report Received for this Date.

Saturday, Dec. 31 – No Report Received for this Date.

Sunday, Jan. 1 – Report of shots fired in area of Reynolds Ave and Lee St (12:01 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 601 Kendrick St (12:22 p.m.); Intoxicated person reported at 625 Jackson Ave (1:27 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 541 N Guyton St (6:02 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, one citation, and one written warning.

Monday, Jan. 2 – Fraudulent use of credit/debit card reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (11:36 a.m.); Grass fire reported near 997 Hwy 203 (4:18 p.m.); Traffic accident reported near 1351 E Davis St (5:41 p.m.); Traffic accident reported near 1335 E Davis St (6:11 p.m.); Assault reported at 1545 Edgewood Dr (9:25 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 15299 Hwy 87 (10:21 p.m.).

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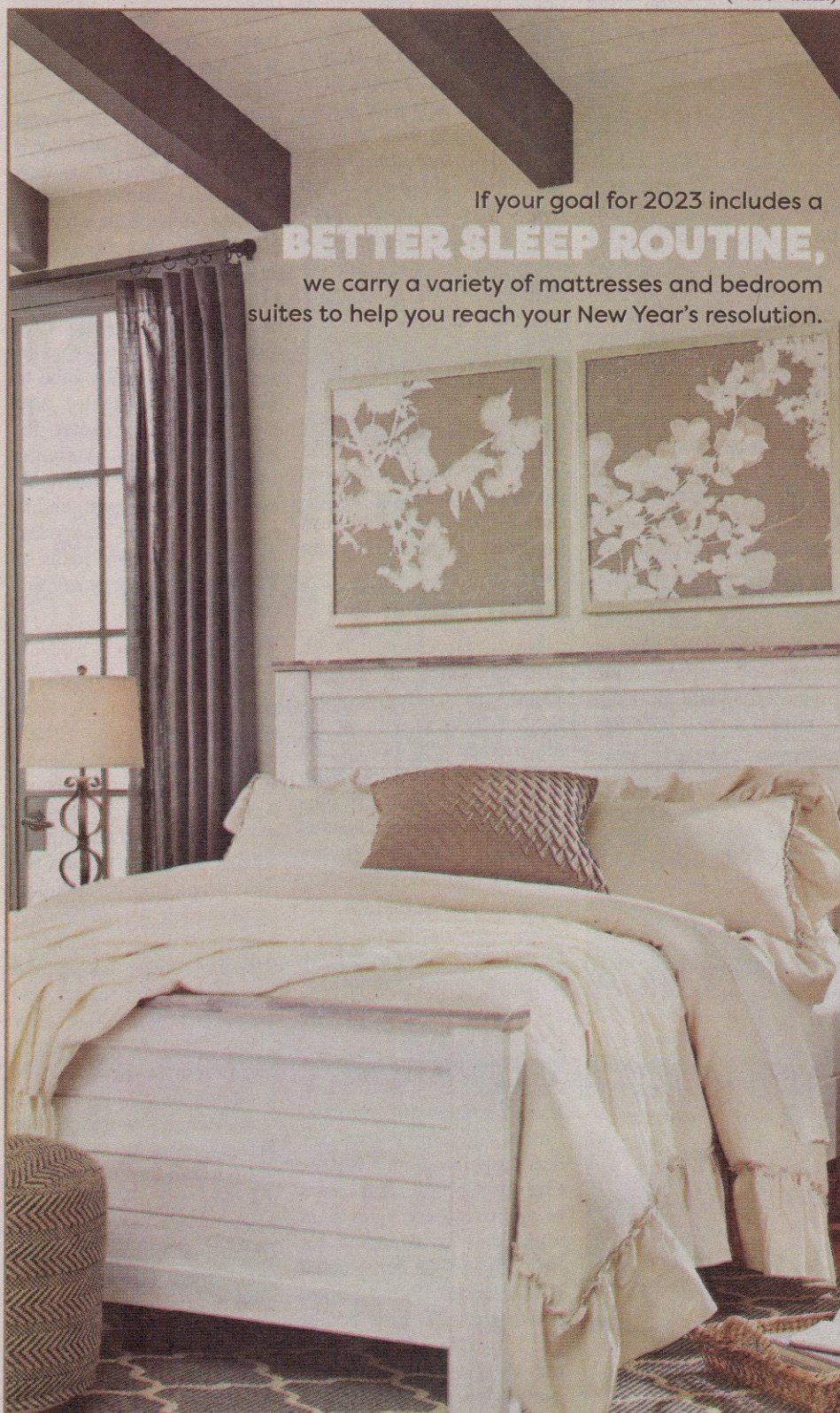
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Jimmy W. Holley Highway dedicated during ceremony held in Elba; Mizell Memorial Hospital CEO discusses new health-care facility coming to Elba; Kinston's 12U baseball team wins district tournament, held in Elba, to advance to state tournament; Perry Stinson named Juneteenth Hometown Hero during Elba event; Elba City Schools superintendent says elementary school has continued to see increased enrollment over past few years; Coffee County Commission honors Elba High School's state champion golf team.

JULY 2022 –

Elba Police arrested resident Albert Green twice over holiday weekend for multiple drug offenses including distribution and trafficking; Elba celebrates Independence Day with Let Freedom Ring event; Senator Jimmy Holley honored by Troy University; The National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program names Elba to its project list for its Outdoor Recreation Plan Development; Resurfacing project begins on Elba City Schools campus; Elba native and Cleveland Browns NFL football player Alex Wright hosts youth football camp in Elba; Elba City Schools superintendent addresses scores for third grade reading assessment; Joshua Givens of Lapine, Ala., arrested in Elba for an alleged sexual assault/rape of a child under the age of 12; Elba City Council implements heavy vehicle truck route ordinance for downtown area; Coffee County Commission names its office building the Senator Jimmy Holley Administrative Building; Elba BOE recognizes FCCLA students that competed in national competition in California – the students brought home one second place and two fourth place finishes from the national event.

AUGUST 2022 –

ALDOT project on Alabama Hwy. 134 at county roads 460/461 begins; Elba not chosen as site for South Central Mental Health diversion center, and mayor expresses disappointment for that during council meeting – instead, Brantley received the vote to be the new site for the center; Off-duty Houston County deputy, Alvah Carlson, arrested in Elba on alleged DUI charge following disabled motorist call; Zoe Suggs of Elba arrested by Elba Police on chemical endangerment of a child charge; After hearing a presentation from assistant principal Jason Tucker, Elba BOE approves school year salary schedules, including new schedules for three administrative positions that had previously been paid following the teacher salary



The City of Elba and Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual 4th of July celebration “Let Freedom Ring” Monday evening, July 4, with activities including a patriotic golf cart/walking parade, games, music entertainment by Blind Skeleton, food, and FIREWORKS. The evening's festivities began with the patriotic golf cart/walking parade, and as shown by Junior Miss Elba Destinee Tidwell, Little Miss Elba Bella Bane and Young Miss Elba Kayden Moseley smiles were not hard to find as everyone was enjoying the event.

trajectory; Elba city leaders approve 'one-time' bonus pay for retired employees; Elba City Schools superintendent applauds students/teacher for showing improvements with reading skills making use of the schools summer program.

SEPTEMBER 2022 –

Elba City Council approves bills including \$131,742 used to purchase property that no longer has designated use – the property purchased was hoped to be the new site for a South Central Alabama Health diversion center, but Elba was not chosen for that center; Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams named recipient of professional development scholarship; Coffee County Commission approves backup line of

credit to assist in bringing an air ambulance service to the county through Enterprise Rescue Inc.; Elba native Dr. Anna Head named new Dean of Instruction at Enterprise State Community College; ALEA officials arrest David Kilpatrick of Elba on drug trafficking charge; James Deboer of Elba arrested on second degree elderly abuse and neglect charge; Elba City Council votes to fund 'one-time' pay increase for employees; Clisbe Thomas of Elba arrested by Elba Police on drug distribution and trafficking charges; Elba City Council votes to table vote on Woodland Drive and Putnam Street repairs hoping to negoti-

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4 Reasons You Should Pre-Plan Your Funeral
Pre-planning a funeral is a funeral plan made while someone is living and can be done at any time. You can do it by yourself or with a family member. It also can be helpful to enlist the support of a funeral director if you have any questions or need advice about different options.
When you pre-plan you can make big decisions, such as whether you would like to be buried or cremated, where you would like the service to be held, or where you would like your final resting place to be. You can also make smaller decisions such as what songs you would like played.
Pre-planning a funeral has many benefits.
Give yourself and your family peace of mind. Many people have definite ideas about what they want or do not want. Pre-planning can provide comfort in knowing you have written down your desires, and it can comfort your family in knowing they are honoring your wishes.
Save money. When the time comes to plan a funeral, there is often little time for shopping around. Many families may rush to plan a funeral, which leads to paying more. Pre-planning allows time to shop around and compare prices.
Be more financially prepared. If you know what your funeral plan will cost, you can find ways to start paying for it. You could visit a funeral home to set up a pre-need plan where you pay the costs of the funeral outright, or you could look into other payment methods such as setting up a savings account or purchasing insurance. Either way, you take much or all of the financial burden off your family members.
Save your family time and stress. Grieving is already difficult. By having a plan in place, you free your family up to focus on supporting each other.
To begin pre-planning your funeral, start by writing down your thoughts and wishes. Make sure to keep your document in a safe and accessible place. If you have any questions or need advice, contact your funeral director who can help you get started.
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Obituaries

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RONNIE EARL WEEKS

Mr. Ronnie Earl Weeks, age 66, a resident of Crestview, Fla., died unexpectedly Thursday, Dec. 22, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 2, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala., with Rev. Loyd Hodge officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requests that memorials be made to: New Home Cemetery fund, c/o 3290 County Road 415, Elba, AL 36323.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Jean Hodge, and brother, Dewayne Hodge.

Survivors include his wife: Cherish Weeks, Crestview; aunt: Louise (Buck) Farris, Kinston, Ala.; uncles: Loyd (Barbara) Hodge, Deatsville, Ala., and Foy (Nancy) Hodge, Luverne, Ala.; aunt: Ethelene Bedsole, Brantley, Ala., and Shirley (C.E.) Beck, Glenwood, Ala.; sister-in-law: Chelita Hodge, Elba; nephews: Steve (Marla) Hodge, Dothan, Ala., and Chris (April) Hodge, Elba; along with a host of friends.

LAURA NORTHEY WEEKS KING

Mrs. Laura Northey Weeks King, age 86, a resident of Troy, Ala., died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022.

Graveside services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2022, at Danley Crossroads Cemetery with Pastor Greg Aman officiating. Visitation will be immediately following the service. The location will be local to Elba and advised at the time of the service. Coleman Funeral Home of Elba is directing.

Laura Jean was born September 19, 1936 in Opp, Ala., to Lucy Mae and Charlie Lee Northey. She was a graduate of Opp High School. In the mid-1960s, Laura and her husband moved with their two young children to Elba, Ala., where they owned and operated the Big "R" restaurant. From Elba, Laura lived and worked in Montgomery until her retirement in 1999, following the death of her husband of 45 years, L.G. Weeks. In 2001, Laura married the late Billy Hayes King of Elba. Following his death, Laura moved to the Daytona Beach area and remained there until 2020

when she located to northern Georgia (Gainesville, then Ellijay).

Laura was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Lucy Northey; her husband of 45 years, L.G. Weeks; second husband of over 11 years, Billy Hayes King; her brother, Wayne Northey; a sister, Judy Northey Weaver; a son-in-law, Bill Murray; and four grandchildren, Matthew Murray, Lee Murray, Scott Murray, and Anna Kathryn Murray.

Survivors include her three children: son Scott Weeks (Stacy), Murphy, NC, and daughters Jan Weeks Murray, and Lori Weeks Swindall (Tony), all of Troy; sister: Juanita Blocker (Jim), Spotsylvania, Va.; five grandsons: Quinton Weeks, Brandon, Fla., Cody Weeks, Laguna Vista, Texas, Jacob Michael Murray, and Bryant Swindall, both of Troy, and Cody Tarrien, Lake Wylie, SC; three granddaughters: Taylor Weeks Minor, Jupiter, Fla., Kimberlin Murray Odom, Enterprise, Chelsea Tarrien, Pinckney, Mich.; four great-grandchildren: Cheyenne Weeks, Plant City, Fla., Weston Weeks, Troy, Matthew Smith, Enterprise, Mackenzie Miner, Jupiter, Fla., and Jozlynn Bain, Pinckney, Mich.

DEBORAH LYNN WHITE HARRELL

Mrs. Deborah Lynn White Harrell, age 68, of Gautier, Miss., passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at her home in Gautier, surrounded by her loving family. She fought a long, hard battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born June 23, 1954 in Opp, Ala., the second of five children to Isaac Jesse "I.J." and Shirley Virginia (Maddox) White. She grew up in the Woodland Grove community in New Brockton, Ala., on a small family farm. She enjoyed playing outside with her siblings and friends and helping out in the garden. The family attended Woodland Grove Baptist Church where "Debby" accepted Christ as her Savior September 12, 1965 and was baptized one Sunday afternoon in Pea River.

She learned to sew from her mother, who worked in a sewing factory, and improved her skills through the years. Debby attended school in Elba, graduating from Elba High School with the Class of 1973. She remained close friends to many from the class that she fondly referred to as The Elba Girls of 73.

After graduation, Debby moved to Mississippi and eventually attended the Jackson County Campus of MS Gulf Coast Community College, where she earned her welding certification. With that, she landed a job at Ingalls's Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, spending over 20 years there.

She is remembered as an outgoing and helping person. She loved living. She always wanted to help anyone she saw, no matter what they were doing. Debby loved to cook and bake cakes and had many "hobbies" that she devoted time to. From upholstery to woodworking and chalk painting, she was always busy doing something.

Debby also had a vibrant sense of humor and was a pretty good practical joker as well, just like her father. Debby has pulled some really good ones through the years now. She once rented a limo, had a large check made, and convinced everyone that she had won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes. And if that wasn't enough, Debby had several fake lottery tickets made one year, giving them to her family as Christmas presents and causing them all to think they had actually won.

She is lovingly remembered as a wonderful sister who was always there for her siblings. Debby was a loving, devoted wife and great homemaker, always doing things for her home, canning vegetables, and so much more. A loving mother to her two children and grandmother to her five grandchildren.

Her many antics and love for her family and friends will be sadly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Debby was preceded in death by her parents, I.J. and Shirley (Maddox) White, a brother-in-law, Dr. Bancroft Cooper, and her infant nephew, Isaac Kaleb White.

Survivors include her loving husband of 33 years, Rick; her children, daughter Wendy (Michael) Stogner of Perth, Australia, and her son, David (Deborah) Whitworth of Gulfport; her two sisters, Mary Cooper of Enterprise, Ala., and Sarah (David) Simmons of Gulfport, and two brothers, Dean (Teresa) White of Bella Vista, Ark., Jeff (Donna) White of Enterprise; her dear beloved Aunt Vera Kate Maddox Crozier of Illinois, and a sister-like cousin, Sandra Furr of Pell City, AL. She leaves a legacy of five grandchildren: Gage, Camryn, Davon, Carson, and Madison, along with numerous extended family & friends.

Debby's final wishes were to be cremated and her ashes buried with her beloved Father and Mother at the Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. In remembrance of Debby, a gathering of family and friends will be held Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Woodland Grove Baptist Church, at 11 a.m. A brief service will be held in her memory. Mr. Gary Bradshaw will officiate, and Alan and Sandra Furr will lead in song.

After the service, all are welcome to stay for a time of fellowship with the family.

In lieu of any floral arrangements, the family requests that donations be made in Debby's honor to the Memorial Hospital Oncology Fund, 1340 Broad Avenue, Gulfport, MS. 39501. This fund provides help from gas to medications to financial assistance for cancer patients with limited resources or no insurance. This is where Debby received her treatment when the cancer returned in April 2022. Debby loved helping others. Or donations to: Woodland Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, PO Box 681, Elba, AL 36323.



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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read Ephesians 4:22-24.

As we begin a new year we think of New Year's resolutions. Researchers claim that most resolutions are abandoned by January 12th.

Indeed it has become somewhat of a punchline in our culture of the unrealized resolution. This leads many to no longer make resolutions—why set ourselves up for failure again?!

Yet, I would commend that we should bring this tradition back into our lives. I think it important to take a moment, once a year at least, and reflect upon who we really are and who we desire to be.

I once worked in a poverty transformation ministry, and we spoke of reflecting upon our lives in five ways: physically, educationally/mentally, financially, relationships, and spiritually. The concept is that, no matter where you are in your life, these areas could always be strengthened.

Physically, doesn't have to mean loosing so many pounds, but perhaps picking up a healthy habit of a daily walk. Educationally doesn't have to mean going back to school for a degree, but maybe learning a new language on an app on your phone or setting aside a small amount of time each day to read. Financially, doesn't have to mean some lofty goal, but perhaps making a small change and using the savings of that decision to build a rainy day fund or give to charity. Relationships need to be tended to, and can never be placed on a back-burner for too long. Perhaps there is a person in your life from whom you've drifted or always desired to have a better relationship. Little actions and gestures have deep and lasting impact.

When we dedicate our lives to Jesus Christ we are reborn in the waters of baptism. This is so radical that scripture speaks of this as a new life and we as new creatures. Yet, our while our faith is formed it is not mature or complete. Like a newborn we have to learn how to walk and talk in this new life.

Faith is a journey, and those who believe in Jesus Christ must never be content with where they are in their faith journey. We must always strive to grow into the image and likeness of our God who created us. How are you growing? What are you doing or going to do to grow? If answering these questions are difficult, I would recommend the numerous churches and pastors in our area to help you think about them.

Let us strive in our own lives and in the life of our community to look back at the end of 2023 and see how much we have grown over this new year.

Grace and Peace

New Hope Senior Center looking for new participants

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more info., contact Conzuela Banks, center manager.

Covenant Community Church of Elba invites you to a reception for their pastor,

Reverend Paul Jackson and Robin Lehman McCullough

of Orlando, FL

celebrating their wedding

being held January 7, 2023

in Orlando, Florida.

The reception will be held in Just Folk Coffeehouse,

Sunday, January 15, 2023,

2:00 until 4:00 PM.

Everyone is invited.

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC- Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medic-

aid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying programs. To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have

fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home. For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

C.C.A.A. sponsored musical is coming Feb. 7 to Enterprise

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present - Forever Young [Your Life - Your Music] Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m., at the Enterprise High School Performing Arts Center.

FOREVER YOUNG follows one unforgettable group of friends as they discover the greatest hits of all time! Set in a music-filled suburban basement, this unbelievable heartfelt true story is guaranteed to take you back to the first time you pushed play, tuned in, and set the needle down.

Round and About With Eria's Daughter

897-3611



Scripture: A prayer of faith in time of distress. Psalm 6: 1-10

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Lillian Finch, Min. Fredrick Dewayne Belcher, Stephenia W. Moore/Baby Caleb, Rev. W.L. Peterson, Mamie Belcher, Isaiah Franklin Jr., Christina Timberlake, Harold Williams, Bill S. Kelley

January Birthdays / Anniversaries

Natalie Luckett 1/9
Annette Brunson 1/10 (in memory)
Darrean Burks 1/10
Lavon Jones Rideaux 1/12 (in memory)
Helen Phillips 1/14
Braxton Robinson 1/14
Martin Luther King Jr. 1/15 (in memory)
Mary Janelle Kelley 1/16
Kobie Belcher 1/16
Former 1st Lady Michelle O'Bama 1/17
Christina C. Nelson 1/18
Tommy J. Robinson 1/19
Alex M. Hutchinson 1/22

Have Hat, No Service

He looked like a typical teenager. It was the first time we had seen him in church, and he appeared to be by himself. He came in and sat down, and it was obvious that he was out of his element.

We'll never know why he came, but we do know why he left. He left because of his baseball cap. During the song service, a deacon sitting behind the boy leaned forward and demanded rather gruffly, "please remove your hat."

The boy did not comply, so during the preacher's prayer a few minutes later, the deacon leaned forward again and whispered, "I said remove your hat!" The teen turned around and pleaded, "I really don't want to take off my cap. Maybe I should just leave." "You don't need to leave."

Just take off that hat!" After the boy turned back around, the deacon reached forward and snatched off his hat and dropped it into his lap. "That wasn't so hard, was it?"

That was when everyone near the spectacle noticed the ashy paleness of the teen's bald head and the nasty scar that stretched across it. The teen jammed the baseball cap back on his disfigured head and got up and left. The preacher was just beginning his sermon, which was entitled, "The Love of Christ."

We don't know who that boy was. We will probably never know him. He might have been blessed by hearing a message about the love of Christ. It's a sermon we all need to hear, but most of all to apply. Don't let human traditions get in the way of the message of Christ's love. -- C.T.

Question / Answer Section

Q/A for the Week of 1/5/23

Multiple Choice

Q: God said that a different

Phinehas would die on the

same day as his brother.

A: True [1 Samuel 2:34]

Q: A key feature of the

New Covenant is that God

forgives sin but does not

forget it.

A: False [Jeremiah 31:34]

Thought to Remember

Nothing is more certain

than a promise from the

God who cannot lie.

Questions for the Week of 1/12/23

True or False

Q: Joseph's brothers sold

him to the Midianites.

Q: Self-examination

should precede observing

the Lord's Supper.

Q: James described the

tongue as small yet capable

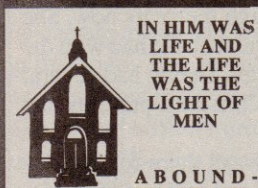
of making great boasts.

Today is a good day! Be

grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

Church Directory



IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Samson, Ala. Pastor

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Harry Driggers, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday Fellowship... 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" ... 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer... 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Philip Box, Minister

Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adecock, Pastor

Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

COURTNEY CUMMINGS, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN PARTIES being the heirs of devisees Of Thelma Jean Blue, deceased, et al, Defendants.

CASE NO. CV-2022-900107

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Courtney Cummings has filed a Complaint pursuant to Section 6-6-560, Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended, against any and all persons

claiming any interests in the following said land, to-wit:

Parcel One:

All our right, title and interest in and to one lot of land, together with the dwelling house and all other improvements thereon, in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, lying in and being a part of the NW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 20, Township 4, Range 22, that is better described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South right of way line of Griswold Street and which point is 180 feet, more or less, East of the East right of way line of Fleming Street and which point is also the Northeast corner of lot of land owned by Waymon Mallisham and running thence in a Southerly direction along the East boundary of said Mallisham lot for a distance of 90 feet; thence Easterly for a distance of 60 feet; thence Northerly for a distance of 90 feet and to the South right of way line of Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet to the point of beginning and being a part of the property that was conveyed by C.W. Carmichael to Corine Sawyer on November 26, 1936, and

which conveyance is recorded in Deed Book 27, page 34, in the Probate Office in Enterprise, Alabama.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 83, Page 606.

Parcel Two:

One vacant lot of land in the City of Enterprise, Alabama, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point on the South margin of Griswold Street and at the Northeast corner of property of Thelma Jean Blue, Louis Reynolds and wife, Tula Reynolds, and running thence South for a distance of 90 feet, more or less; thence West along the South boundary of said Blue and Reynolds property for a distance of 60 feet, more or less; thence South for a distance of 75 feet, more or less, and to the North margin of Sawyer Street (which is unopened at this time); thence East along the North margin of said Sawyer Street for a distance of 120 feet, more or less, and to the Southwest corner of property of Marion and Fannie Newson; thence North along the West boundary of said Newson property for a distance of 165 feet, more or less, and to the

South margin of aforesaid Griswold Street; thence West along the South margin of said Griswold Street for a distance of 60 feet, more or less, and to the point of beginning.

Deed Reference: Deed Book 95, Page 791.

Any personal claiming any interest in said land shall have thirty (30) days from the last date of publication of this notice in order to file an answer in Case No. CV-2022-900107 pending in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Done this 22nd day of December, 2022.Circuit Clerk
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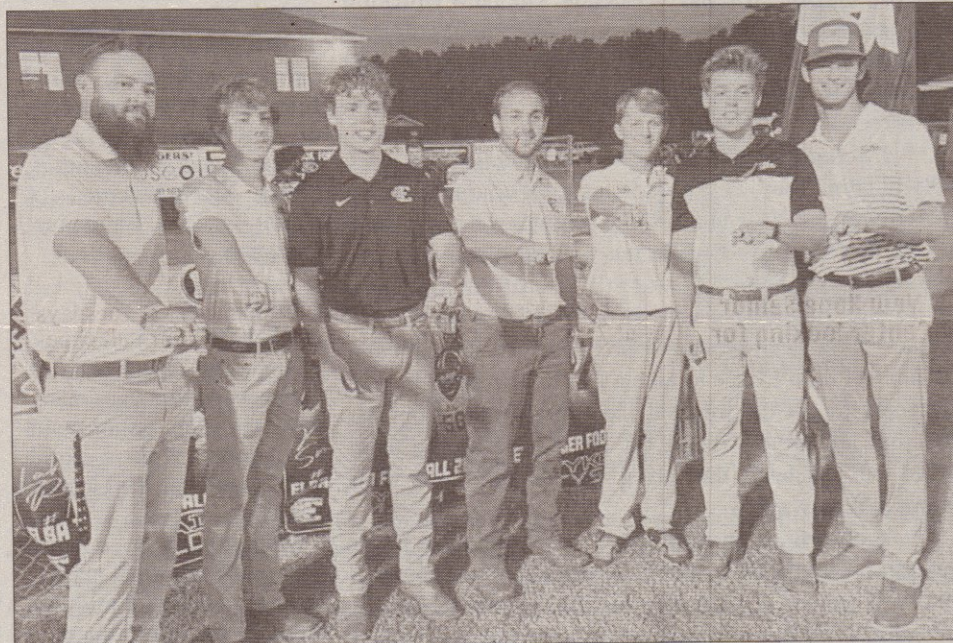
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE.

An online sale will be held at www.storage-treasures.com for A-Less Storage Enterprise, Alabama on or after 12:30 PM Thursday, January 19th, 2022. Personal property of the following units will be sold for cash to satisfy owner's lien for due in accordance with AL Code § 8-15-34Unit A50 - Roy Fears HHG
Unit B22 & B17 - George Sellers HHG

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REVIEW

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Members of the Elba High School 2022 State Champion Golf Team for AHSA's Class 1A/2A Boys received their championship rings last Thursday evening, Sept. 29, at Tiger Stadium prior to the Elba football game. Coach Elba also won the state golf championship for Class 1A/2A in 2021. Pictured above: Coach Mark Wicker, Trace Grantham, Paxton Wise, Colin Sauls, Jay Wilson, Carson Wise, and Peyton McCart.

votes to end FEMA flood buyout project from 2015 Christmas Flood; Alabama Historical Commission awards grant to Mulberry Heights Community Center organization; Charles Carpenter, age 37, of Elba arrested by Elba Police on felony domestic violence charge; Elba business, EDSO, celebrates 30 Years with Customer Appreciation Luncheon; Elba Police arrest Frederick Dean, age 30, and Ricky Hill, age 26, both of Elba, on distribution of a controlled substance charges; Elba City Council looks at garbage/sewer rate increases for customers; Coffee County Commission presents resolution to Commissioner Josh Carnley as he prepares to vacate his

seat on the Commission to take office as the next State Senator for District 31.

NOVEMBER 2022 -

Members of Elba Industrial Development Board meet and vote to retroactively transfer funds from its account to the City of Elba in the amount of \$131,742.82 - these funds were used to purchase property that the city had hoped would be used for a South Central Mental Health diversion center, but that did not come to fruition; New Brockton Town Council votes to approve pay raises for employees; Elba City Schools placed on lockdown after law enforcement officials become aware of online threat towards

the schools; Josh Carnley accepts oath of office to be Alabama Senator for District 31; Elba Police make fugitive from justice arrest on John Kiertekles, age 34, of Elba; Location for new Elba Chamber office still in discussions by Elba City Council over one year after former Chamber building destroyed by fire; Zion Chapel Bass Team fishing duo wins Freedom Marine prize money at tournament.

DECEMBER 2022 -

Elba Police arrest Karen Bogedain, age 38, of Elba on drug charges to include intent to distribute and distribution of controlled substances; Elba business Southern Tractor Company named Business of the Year at Coffee County Farm-City Banquet; New Brockton Mayor Kathy Holley resigns, effective Dec. 31st; Elba High School's Aimee Senn named Coffee County Good Citizen; Sonny Moore appointed to Coffee County Commission, District 3, seat vacated by Josh Carnley upon his election as State Senator; Oath of office administered to Eric Payne and Rhonda Strickland for Coffee County BOE terms - Payne was reelected to his District 6 seat while Strickland was elected to a first term as the District 4 representative; Retiring Coffee County E911 coordinator, Marvin McLwain honored during Coffee County Commission meeting; Dekarion Kyles, age 25, of Elba arrested by Elba Police on distribution of a controlled substance charge.



The Elba Mini Mites team (ages 7-8) defeated Opp on Saturday, Nov. 5, in the final game of the regular season. The game was determined in overtime action with Elba winning 6-0. Above, the coaches and players celebrate the exciting win with Elba fans cheering in the background. The win vaulted the Mini Mites team to first place in the league standings with an overall 6-1 record.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox
By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

It was a long, but very enjoyable Saturday night at the Mularz house as both our daughters and both our grandsons helped us ring in the New Year with fireworks and football. I stayed up way past my bedtime, but anytime we can get the family together time seems to stand still.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers picked up two wins* at their holiday tournament last week and for the first time in a number of years has already reached the 10-win plateau. The Tigers did fall one win short of taking home the tournament title, but continued to play hard every time they took the court and once again used their quickness and aggressive style of play to add to their win total. The area wars begin this week and there will be no easy wins left on the schedule. However, this year's team has already begun the rebuilding process and there is no doubt better days are ahead.


*** *The Elba Lady Tigers won one and lost one* in the holiday tournament and despite a double-digit loss to Luverne in their second game continued to put together the pieces that should mold the Elba girls into an area title contender. Elba used different line-ups in both games and mixed up its rotation on the court to find out what five need to be on the court at different times and against different opponents. Unless I miss my guess, the Lady Tigers will be the team to beat in area play.

*** *All the area teams* with the exception of Zion Chapel took part in holiday tournaments and had some success as they got in extra work before the start of area play. Brantley posted big wins over New Brockton, Luverne and Elba to take home the top prize from the Elba tournament and is no doubt the team to beat in the area, while New Brockton salvaged one win at Elba and looks like it is getting better every night out, and Kinston went across the state line as it continues to play non-traditional competition, and also grabbed one win to make the three-night trip one that will pay dividends. The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks were the only girls team in action over the break, and while they failed to pick up a win, they did gain valuable experience and will keep on getting better and better.

*** *I actually watched a few bowl games last week* and will admit they were entertaining. Of course the most entertaining was Alabama's 45-20 romp past Kansas State in a game that proved while the Crimson Tide may not have made the playoffs, it was still one of the top teams in the nation as they posted their 12th straight eleven-win season. I have been writing sports for over 50 years and will admit I didn't have to take a test to prove my mental awareness to get the job, but the sportswriters from the SEC that left Bryce Young off the all-conference team should be put back delivering papers and have their laptops taken away!

*** *In closing....* If you missed last week's Pea River Christmas Classic high school basketball tournament in Elba, you missed a chance to see five games a day for three days involving teams from the area and also missed the chance to see some of the state's most exciting players on the court. The tournament is already a favorite among coaches after just two years, and when add it to the big high school softball tournament held each year in May, it looks like Elba has become a 'must stop' location for prep sports fans.

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Reach 10-win plateau

Tigers are runners-up at tournament

The Elba Tigers hosted the second annual Pea River Christmas Classic last week and posted wins over Emmanuel Christian 75-33 and Goshen 49-37 to reach the tourney finals, but were forced to settle for second in the eight-team event as they fell to Brantley 51-43, in the championship game.

Following is a recap of the Tigers three tournament games:

Elba 75

Emmanuel Christian 33

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never looked back to defeat Emmanuel Christian in the opening round of the three-day tournament.

Cameron Gray poured in 10 points in the first quarter to help the Tigers jump out to an early 20-8 lead, while Alvin Henderson and Jacob Watkins combined for 11 second quarter points as the Tigers lead grew to 43-16 at the half. The teams swapped baskets for much of the third quarter as Elba's lead grew to 59-29, and the Tigers ran away in the final stanza as Jacob Watkins scored six points and Ty Sieving and Cody Gray both drained long three-points in the lopsided 75-33 win.

Jacob Watkins scored 15 points and Cameron Gray added 13 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Cody Gray 9, Cayden Adkins 8, Jamal Siler 8, Alvin Henderson 6, JT Coleman 5, Taylon Purvis 5 and Ty Sieving 3. Logan McNeil scored 14 points to lead Emmanuel Christian.

Elba 49

Goshen 37

The Elba Tigers claimed their second win in as many days in the eight-team tournament with a solid 49-37 win over the Goshen Eagles.

Elba got off to a slow start in the semifinal match-up and led only 8-6 midway through the first quarter, but Cody Gray sparked a late rally that put the Tigers on top 15-8 heading into the second stanza and the aggressive Elba defense limited the Eagles to only five points in the quarter to carry a 26-15 lead in at the half. The Tigers used the inside scoring of Jamal Siler to up their lead to 41-23 in the third quarter and never looked back to post the 49-37 win.

Cody Gray and Jacob Watkins scored 10 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were JT Coleman 8, Cameron Gray 8, Jamal

Elba JV up record to 9-1

The Elba Tigers continued to pile up the wins last week in junior varsity action as they posted wins over Wicksburg 41-35 and New Brockton 52-26 to enter the holiday break with a 9-1 record.

Following is a recap of last week's win:

Elba 41

Wicksburg 35

The Elba Tigers pulled ahead early and never lost command in a 41-35 win over the Wicksburg Panthers, last Monday night in Elba.

Elba jumped out to a 16-11 first quarter lead, extended its lead to 31-22 by the end of the third quarter and held on to claim the win.

Brady Johnson scored 13 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jonathan Edwards 7, Javante Griggs 5, Kalil Magwood 5, Jordan Hammonds 5, Emmanuel Cooks 5 and Cassidy Carpenter 3.

Elba 52

New Brockton 26

The Elba Tigers pulled



ELBA TIGERS - SECOND PLACE IN HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Siler 5, Taylon Purvis 2, Ty Sieving 2, Cayden Adkins 2 and Brayden Johnson 2. KJ Bristow score 13 points to lead the Eagles.

Brantley 51

Elba 43

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and could never catch up in a 51-43 championship game loss to the Brantley Bulldogs, in the Pea River Christmas Classic.

Brantley came out on fire in the opening quarter and behind the play of Jayden Parks and Robert Shine jumped out to a 15-2 lead with 1:58 left in the stanza. Elba trailed 18-6 heading into the second quarter, but rallied as Jamal Siler began to score inside and the Tigers crept within 22-16 with 1:45 left in the quarter on a basket by Alvin Henderson. Brantley carried a 25-19 lead in at the half after two free late throws by Jordan Parks, and then opened the third quarter with a 10-0 run to stretch its lead to 35-19 with 5:08 still left in the stanza. A three-pointer by Elba's Alvin Henderson with 4:40 left in the quarter stopped the Brantley run, but the Tigers could never get any closer than 11 points as a basket by Cameron Gray in the closing seconds cut the Bulldogs lead to 41-30. Elba never quit battling in the fourth quarter and closed the game on a 10-3 spurt, but it was too late as Brantley held on to claim the 51-43 win and the tournament title.

Alvin Henderson scored 13 points and Jamal Siler added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jacob Watkins 9, Cody Gray 5, Cameron Gray 4 and Taylon Purvis 2. Keldric Brown scored 18 points and Daylan Davis added 13 to spark the Bulldogs.



Elba Tiger Cody Gray (0) looks for a teammate to pass to in recent action.

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Elba Lady Tiger Ny'Asia McCollough looks to make a pass in recent prep action, (Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Lady Tigers win one, lose one

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted a four-team round-robin bracket in last week's Pea River Christmas Classic and posted one win and one loss as their record for the season moved to 9-5.

Following is a recap of the two tournament games:

Elba 48

New Brockton 43

The Elba Lady Tigers pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks, in opening round action of the round-robin tournament.

Elba's Tajah Purvis and Ny'Asia McCollough combined for 9 points in the opening stanza to help the Lady Tigers sneak ahead 11-10, while Purvis, McCollough and A'Lyric Whitfield all added four points in the second quarter as Elba carried a 27-24 lead in at intermission. A'Lyric Whitfield scored five points in the third quarter as the Lady Tigers increased their lead to 39-29, but the Lady Tigers connected on only 1 of 10 free throw chances in the final stanza and held off a New Brockton rally sparked by the play of Ariana Smith to claim the 48-43 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 16 points and Tajah Purvis added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Ny'Asia McCollough 9, Kendra Juarez 7, Ayrika Caldwell 2, Ana Caldwell 2, Brooke Tinsley 1 and Yada Caldwell 1.

Ariana Smith scored 18 points and Gabby Eubanks added 11 to lead New Brockton, while also scoring for the Lady Gamecocks were Aniya Barkley 5, Casey Williams 4, Brittany Williams 2, Reese Eddins 2 and Samantha Siniard 1.

Luverne 45

Elba 34

The Elba Lady Tigers watched Luverne pull away in the second half as they suffered a 45-34 loss, on the final night of the four-team event.

Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield sparked a 7-0 run midway through the first quarter to put the Lady Tigers on top 7-4 and Elba owned an 11-5 lead late in the quarter, only to see Luverne rally late to pull even at 11-11. Luverne's 11-0 run continued into the second quarter as it went on top 16-11. However, Elba staged yet another rally and behind the play of Yada Caldwell and Kendra Juarez pulled even at 20-20 at intermission. The Lady Tigers remained in command early in the third quarter and were on top 26-24 with 5:10 left in the stanza after a basket by Kendra Juarez, but it was now Luverne's time to rally and it did just that with a 9-0 run to regain the lead at 33-26 with 7:01 left in the fourth quarter. Elba closed to within 37-34 with 3:18 left on the clock on a basket by Juarez, but Luverne scored the final eight points of the game to seal the deal on the 45-34 win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 16 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Yada Caldwell 7, Kendra Juarez 7 and Tajah Purvis 4. Richardson scored 14 points to lead Luverne.



BRANTLEY BULLDOGS - ELBA HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

High School
ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

Brantley Bulldogs bop 'Brockton 67-40

The Brantley Bulldogs tipped off the Pea River Christmas Classic with a big 67-40 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Bulldogs raced out to a 45-19 halftime advantage and coasted in with the win. Jayden Parks scored 17 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Daylan Davis added 16 and Keldric Brown scored 14. Yassiah Rousseau scored 17 points and Baylon Foster added 10 to lead the Gamecocks.

Brantley battles past Luverne 66-60

The Brantley Bulldogs advanced to the finals of the Pea River Christmas Classic with a hard earned 66-60 semifinal win over the Luverne Tigers. Keldric Brown scored 26 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs.

Brantley Bulldogs drop Elba 51-43

The Brantley Bulldogs jumped ahead early and never looked back to claim the championship of the Pea River Christmas Classic with a 51-43 win over the Elba Tigers. Keldric Brown scored 18 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and had 8 steals to lead the Bulldogs, while Daylan Davis added 13 points and 10 rebounds and Jordan Parks added 8 points and 5 steals.

Kinston drops opener to Sneads 56-38

The Kinston Bulldogs never got on track in a 56-38 loss to Sneads, in opening round action at the Milton H. Johnson Optimist Shootout, at Mariana, Florida. Tripp Hawthorne scored 10 points and Connor Tew added 9 to lead the Bulldogs.

Kinston Bulldogs fall to Malone 47-44

The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a hard fought 47-44 loss to Malone, in the second round of the three-day tournament in Mariana. Cale Sumblin scored 15 points and pulled down 11 rebounds to lead the Bulldogs, while Connor Tew added 13 points and 8 rebounds, and Tripp Hawthorne scored 10 points.

Basketball
Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 5

Daleville at New Brockton
Brantley at Straughn
Elba at Houston County

Friday, Jan. 6

Brantley at Kinston
Zion Chapel at Luverne

Monday, Jan. 9

Brantley at Goshen
Zion Chapel at Highland Home

Tuesday, Jan. 10

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Kinston Bulldogs edge Graceville 40-38

Kinston's Reece Hall hit a short jumper with two-seconds left on the clock to lift the Bulldogs to an exciting 40-38 win over the Graceville Tigers, in the third day of the Mariana tournament. Cale Sumblin scored 15 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 9 and Reece Hall scored 7.

Gamecocks clawed by Eagles 67-51

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a two-point halftime advantage vanish in a 67-51 loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles, in second round action at the Pea River Christmas Classic. New Brockton went in at the half with a slim 34-32 lead, but Pleasant Home took command in the second half and pulled away to claim the win. Anthony Silar scored 18 points and Yassiah Rousseau added 14 to lead the Gamecocks.

Lady Gamecocks fall to Luverne 54-26

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 54-26 loss to the Luverne Lady Tigers, in second round play at the Pea River Christmas Classic. Gabby Eubanks scored 10 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks and Casey Williams added 6.

Gamecocks dump Emmanuel Christian 66-42

The New Brockton Gamecocks closed last week's tournament in Elba with a solid 66-42 win over Emmanuel Christian. The Gamecocks carried a 33-17 lead in at the half and coasted in with the big win. Matt Smith scored 15 points to lead the Gamecocks, Yassiah Rousseau scored 12 points and Baylon Foster added 10.



Shaun Smith, Linebacker

#61; Sr. at Zion Chapel played December 20, 2022 in Hawaii for the Hawaii Tiki Bowl. Smith participated in a 6-day trip to Hawaii for this sporting event. He is honored to be a Scout Trout All - American and Offensive - Defensive All - American Player. The "Hawaii Tiki Bowl" is an organization whose sole purpose is to offer high school seniors the opportunity to travel to Honolulu, Hawaii, while at the same time participating in the game they love.



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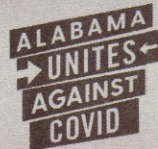
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Avery Padgett and Ethan Young represented the Zion Chapel Bass Team at the Saturday, Dec. 10, East Alabama High School Bass Trail tourney on Lake Martin. The placed 18th out of 62 boats.

Padgett/Young fish Lake Martin for East Alabama High School Bass Trail tourney in December.

The Zion Chapel Bass Team closed out the year 2022 with its first tournament Saturday, Dec. 10, on the East Alabama High School Bass Trail at Lake Martin. Lake Martin is reputable for its small bass, and team Padgett/Young sanctioned this reputation.

According to Avery Padgett, he and his partner, Ethan Young, finished in 18th place out of a field of 62 boats. He said they caught over 40 bass but could not get any much bigger than two pounds. Once again, Taylor Renfro was their captain for the day.

When they are not fishing, going to school, or working their parttime jobs, occasionally they are found doing community service, which is encouraged by BASS Nation. The week before Christmas, the two found time to go to Troy Elementary School to play the role of Santa Claus for Padgett's mom's special needs class. Their reward was seeing the smiles on the faces of these young kids when they gave them their presents. They were reminded that all rewards do not come in the form of

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Volunteers place wreaths at the New Brockton Cemetery

Wreaths Across America event held in December in Coffee County

The 8th Annual Wreaths Across America Ceremony was held Saturday, Dec. 17, in Enterprise. Over the next few days, more wreaths were placed in over a dozen local Cemeteries to Honor the Veterans buried there.

Lockheed-Martin sponsored the wreaths for the four New Brockton Cemeteries and sent employees to help with the placing of the wreaths.

The Ceremony started with Master of Ceremonies AMVETS State Chaplain John Logsdon with an Opening Invocation followed by the Enterprise ROTC Color Guard Presenting the Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by AMVETS 2nd Vice Commander Ben Jimmerson and recited in unison by the attendees The National Anthem was sung by Retired Marine Alan Wayne Brineger.

Fred Fowler, a Veteran and Military Support Group Member, read the description of "The Eternal Tree", the Christmas they never had. The Significance of WAA was explained by AMVETS Commander Kevin WAA.

This led to the placing of the Ceremonial Wreaths. In addition to the six regular Branches of Service, an additional Wreath for the Space Force was added last year. A POW/MIA Wreath was the eighth Wreath, and continuing with the tradition started three years ago here, a ninth Wreath for the Gold Star Families. DAR Regent Jacque Hawkins placed this wreath on the behalf of the Gold Star families in the area.

The Ceremony ended with the Closing Invocation, a Rolling Thunder Canon Salute by Clanton's Battery, and the playing of Taps. The LifeSouth Blood Mobile was present to get blood donations. Save a Life and Honor a Veteran in the same trip.

Before and after the Ceremony, volunteers placed wreaths in over two dozen area Cemeteries. Lockheed-Martin purchased and sent volunteers to place wreaths in the new Brockton City Cemetery, Hardshell Cemetery, and two other local cemeteries.



Leo and Jonah Brown placed wreaths at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church cemetery.

Location Coordinator and AMVETS 1st Vice Commander Travis Parker thanks the Sponsors – Southeast Alabama AMVETS Post 7, Coffee County Veterans, and Travis Realty. A special thanks also to the Lockheed-Martin, Enterprise ROTC Color Guard & Cadets, Scout Troop 150, Girl Scout Service Unit 923, and Big Dawg Rentals. Travis added, "And to the Public who ordered Wreaths, attended the Ceremony, and placed Wreaths, THANK YOU for Remembering, Honoring, and Teaching!"



Several Lockheed Martin employees helped place wreaths at the Hardshell Cemetery.

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